Claim Amendments:

Please amend the claims as indicated:

1. (Original) A method comprising:

providing a plurality of operating systems on a single information handling device, the plurality of operating systems including an appliance operating system to control the information handling device to operate an appliance, and a general operating system to perform general information handling tasks;

executing the appliance operating system to control an appliance, wherein the appliance operating system is independent of the general operating system; and executing the general operating system to control the information handling device to perform general information handling tasks.

- 2. (Original) The method as in Claim 1, further including switching between operating systems.
- 3. (Original) The method as in Claim 2, wherein switching includes discontinuing the execution of one operating system prior to executing another operating system.
- 4. (Original) The method as in Claim 2, wherein switching includes executing two or more of the plurality of operating systems concurrently.
 - 5. (Original) The method as in Claim 1, wherein: executing the appliance operating system includes reading the appliance operating system from a non-volatile memory circuit; and executing the general operating system includes reading the general operating system from a mass storage device.
- 6. (Original) The method as in Claim 1, wherein executing includes checking for resource conflicts.

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- (Original) An information handling system comprising:
- a data processor;
- a bios to provide initial processor control;
- a memory coupled to said processor;
 - a communications interface; and
- a plurality of operating systems to be executed by said processor, said plurality of operating systems including:
 - a general operating system capable of performing general information handling tasks; and
 - an appliance operating system capable of controlling, through said communications interface, at least one appliance, wherein said appliance operating system is independent of said general operating system.
- 8. (Original) The system as in Claim 7, wherein said bios is to control which of said plurality of operating systems is executed.
 - 9. (Original) The system as in Claim 7, wherein: said memory includes random access memory and read-only memory; and said information handling system further includes a mass storage medium.
 - 10. (Original) The system as in Claim 9, wherein: said general operating system is stored in said mass storage medium; and said appliance operating system is stored in said read-only memory.
- 11. (Original) The system as in Claim 7, further including one or more appliances to be coupled to said at least one communications interface.
- 12. (Original) The system as in Claim 11, wherein said one or more appliances are to be coupled to said communications interface via a network.
- 13. (Original) The system as in Claim 7, wherein said one or more appliances are media handling systems.



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- 14. (Original) The system as in Claim 13, wherein said one or more media handling systems include at least one of an audio device and a visual device.
- 15. (Original) The system as in Claim 7, wherein said communications interface is a wireless interface.
- 16. (Original) The system as in Claim 7, wherein said communications interface is an electrical interface.
- 17. (Original) The system as in Claim 7, wherein a resource conflict check is performed when said operating systems are executed.
- 18. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium tangibly embodying a plurality of instructions, said plurality of instructions including:

instructions to implement an appliance operating system on a general purpose information handling system;

- said information handling system to perform general information handling tasks using a general using a general operating system;
- said appliance operating system to control at least one appliance, wherein said appliance operating system is independent of said general operating system.
- 19. (Original) The computer readable medium as in Claim 18, wherein said plurality of instructions further includes instructions to control which of said operating systems is executed.
- 20. (Original) The computer readable medium as in Claim 18, wherein execution of said general operating system is terminated before switching to said appliance operating system.
- 21. (Original) The computer readable medium as in Claim 18, wherein execution of said appliance operating system is terminated before switching to said general operating system.

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- 22. (Original) The computer readable medium as in Claim 18, wherein said general operating system and said appliance operating system are executed concurrently.
- 23. (Original) The computer readable medium as in Claim 18, wherein said at least one appliance is a media handling system.
- 24. (Original) The computer readable medium as in Claim 23, wherein said at least one media handling system includes at least one of an audio device and a visual device.
- 25. (Original) The computer readable medium as in Claim 18, wherein said plurality of instructions further includes instructions to check for resource conflicts.
 - 26. (Newly Added) A method comprising:
 - executing an appliance operating system on a single information handling device, the appliance operating system to control the information handling device to operate an appliance;
 - executing a general operating system on the single information handling device, the general operating system to perform general information handling tasks; and wherein executing the appliance operating system and executing the general operating system occurs concurrently.
- 27. (Newly Added) The method of Claim 26 wherein executing the gneral operaint system includes checking for resource conflicts.

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